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In re Application of:

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**RANDOM ARRAY OF MICRO-  
SPHERES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF  
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

**Amendments to the Specification** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.